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#### 2013 Human Rights Report

On February 27, 2014,
Secretary Kerry submitted the 2013 Country
Reports on Human
Rights Practices to the
United States Congress.
The reports, now in their
38th year, are available
on State.gov and HumanRights.gov.



Video

#### **Ambassador Wohlers Speaks at SUT**

Ambassador Paul D.
Wohlers gave a speech
on the importance of a
level playing field in
free and fair elections
to an audience of more
than 300 students, faculty, and staff at the
State University of Tetovo.



### U.S. Stands With the Ukrainian People

Deputy Secretary Burns (Feb. 26): "We will continue to firmly support Ukraine's unity and territorial integrity, and healthy relations with all of its neighbors, including Russia."



# Ambassador Visits Western Municipalities

On February 13, 2014, Ambassador Wohlers visited the municipalities of Vrapcishte, Debarca, and Struga and met with their



respective mayors to discuss challenges facing local government in Macedonia as well as opportunities for improving their municipalities. ... more photos. »

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#### **Ambassador Visits Three Municipalities**

On February 6, 2014, Ambassador Wohlers visited the municipalities of Bogdanci, Valandovo and Vasilevo, and met the respective mayors. In Bogdanci, the Ambassa-



dor also visited a school and kindergarten that were part of the USAID projects and met with ... more photos. »

# Hagel Says U.S. Defense Strategy Demands Closer European Ties

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel says that U.S. defense strategy calls for a closer partnership with European allies while protecting readiness and enhancing . ...more.

### <u>Ukraine Getting Extensive Assistance</u> <u>Package from U.S.</u>

The United States is providing economic assistance to the Ukrainian government — including a \$1 billion energy subsidy package — the White House announces more.

# Social Media Seen as Powerful Force for Foreign Policy Messages

In a round-table discussion February 18, representatives from the U.S. Department of State shared their opinions on using social media to promote U.S. foreign policy objectives on a personal level. ...more.

#### Foreign Policy Priorities for 2014

Deputy National Security Advisor Ben Rhodes briefs reporters on the 2014 foreign policy



priorities of the Obama administration.

# Obama Submits Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2015 to Congress

The budget proposal President Obama submitted to Congress on March 4 is the first step in a very long process to fund the U.S. federal government. ...more.

## Women Prove that Courage Takes Many Forms

Doctors, lawyers and activists, as well as victims of gender violence, are honored at the 2014 Secretary of State's International Women of Courage Awards. ...more.

### <u>U.S. Steps Up Campaign Against Illegal</u> <u>Wildlife Trade</u>

The United States is taking the next move in a strategy to heighten the assault on illegal wildlife trafficking. U.S. law enforcement officers will take up...more.

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